

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2 at line 1 as follows:*

--As zoom lenses which ensure relatively high magnification power without the F-number at the telephoto end being significantly large compared with the F-number at the wide-angle end, there have been proposed a number of four-unit zoom lenses, as described in, for example, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication Nos. 2001-13411, 2001-42215, 2002-72087, and 2002-196241, including, in order from an object side, a first lens unit having a positive refractive ~~index~~ optical power, a second lens unit having a negative refractive ~~index~~ optical power, a third lens unit having a positive refractive ~~index~~ optical power, and a fourth lens unit having a positive refractive ~~index~~ optical power.--

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10 at line 5 as follows:*

--Note that, in each diagram, straight lines shown on the most ~~[[left]]~~ right side of the diagram indicate the position of an image plane S, and provided on the object side thereof is a flat plate P, which is equivalent to an optical low-pass filter, a face plate of an imaging element, or the like.--

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11 at line 3 as follows:*

--In the zoom lens of the ~~first~~ embodiments, the third lens unit G3 includes, in order from the object side, a lens element L5 (L6 in the third embodiment) having a positive meniscus shape and a convex surface directed to the object side, and a cemented lens element in which a lens element L6 (L7 in the third embodiment) having a bi-convex shape and a lens element L7 (L8 in the third embodiment) having a bi-concave shape, are combined together.--

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13 at line 17 as follows:*

--Conditional expression (1) relates to the focal length of the first lens unit G1. When the upper limit of conditional expression (1) is exceeded, the power of the first lens unit G1 becomes strong, leading to a large diameter of the lens closest to the object side. On the other hand, when the lower limit of conditional expression (1) is not reached, the power of the first lens unit G1 becomes weak, causing the entire lens ~~diameter~~ system to be long and making it difficult to achieve downsizing.--

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 28 at line 1 as follows:*

--From FIG. 6 showing the aberrations, it is found that various aberrations of the zoom lens according to ~~the third embodiment~~ Example 3 shown in the above table 7, 8, and 9 are well compensated, even in the case where zooming positions are changed.--

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 29 at line 24 as follows:*

--A lens barrel includes a main lens barrel 5, a moving lens barrel 6, and a cylindrical cam 7. When rotating the cylindrical cam 7, the first lens unit G1, the second lens unit G2, and the third lens unit G3 move to a predetermined position relative to a solid-state imaging element 14, making it possible to zoom from a wide-angle end to a telephoto end. The third lens unit ~~frame~~ G3 is movable in an optical axis direction by a focus adjustment motor.--